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SWALE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Sittingbourne,
Kent.

August, 1969

To the Chairman and Members,
Swale Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Rural District for 1968.

The Registrar-General's estimate of the population (22,890) shows an increase of 390 over the previous year.

The births (396) do not reflect the National decline and the corrected birth rate of 18.3 is to be compared with 16.9 for England and Wales. The number of deaths (198) gives a corrected death rate of 8.9 being three quarters of the National rate.

There were six infant deaths as in the preceeding year - five of the deaths occurred in the neonatal period and one at five weeks.

These vital statistics have remained fairly constant over the years and present a picture of a well ordered healthy semi-rural community.

There were 162 cases of infectious diseases notified during the year of which 129 were due to measles. 377 vaccinations were given against measles for children from one to seven years of age - it is too early yet to assess the impact of this prophylactic measure which only began midway through the year.

Since October 1968, Erysipelas, Pneumonia and Puerperal Pyrexia have ceased to be notifiable.

There was some difficulty in establishing the Meals on Wheels service but meals are now provided in Boughton, Newington, Selling, Teynham and Throwley. A well balanced meal will be appreciated and be of great benefit to the elderly and incapacitated in these villages.

The work of the department keeps steadily increasing and I must express my thanks to Mr. R. K. Dunning, your Chief Public Health Inspector and the other officers for the efficient smooth manner in which the work is carried out and for their co-operation at all times.

I wish also to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their interest and courtesy.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

J. T. MURPHY

SECTION I

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

1. CLIMATOLOGY

The total rainfall for the year at Faversham was 31.93 inches and the figure recorded at Highsted Water Works for 1968 was 35.26 inches. These figures again show considerable increase on the average rainfall for the past ten years, viz. 26.91 at Faversham and 28.77 at Highsted.

Exceptionally heavy rainfall during September caused a considerable amount of flooding in the district.

The temperature and rainfall as recorded month by month at Faversham Sewage Works, Highsted Water Works and Johnson House, Sittingbourne can be seen in Appendix 'B' and Appendix 'C'.

2. AREA

The acreage for the Swale Area is 62,013 acres - approximately 97 square miles.

3. POPULATION

The estimated mid-year population for the district as given by the Registrar General was 22,890 - an increase of 390 on the estimate for the previous year.

4. NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES

The number of inhabited houses at the end of 1968 was 7,749 as compared with 7,605 at the end of 1967 - an increase of 144.

There were 66 houses built by the Council and 142 constructed privately (total 208), a decrease of 37 from last year's total of 245.

5. RATEABLE VALUE

£633,915 as compared with £608,935 in the previous year.

6. SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE

The estimated figure for the year was given as £2,447.

SECTION II

VITAL STATISTICS

MOTHERS AND INFANTS

1. LIVE BIRTHS

Live Births	M	F	Total
Legitimate	196(185)	169(186)	365(371)
Illegitimate	15(12)	16(21)	31(33)
	211(197)	185(207)	396(404)

(a) Births Rate - The crude birth rate for the year at 17.3 per 1,000 shows a decrease of 0.7 from the figure for 1967. The corrected birth rate was 18.3 per 1,000 which shows a decrease of 0.8. The rate for England and Wales was 16.9 - a decrease of 0.5. The falling birth rate for England and Wales has now reached its lowest level since 1961.

2. ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS

There were 31 illegitimate live births in 1968 giving a rate of 7.8% compared with 8% last year - a decrease of 0.2%.

3. STILL BIRTHS

Still Births	M	F	Total
Legitimate	7(1)	3(1)	10(2)
Illegitimate	-(1)	-(-)	-(1)
	7(2)	3(1)	10(3)

The still birth rate for the year was 25.5 per 1,000 total live births.

The total live and still births was 406.

4. INFANT DEATHS (Deaths under 1 year)

(a) Infant Mortality Rates - The total infant deaths was 6 which gives a rate of 15 per 1,000 - an increase of 0.2

There was no illegitimate infant death during 1968 which means the rate of legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births was 20.5.

The following tables show the causes of infant deaths that occurred during the year (Table I) and the number of infant deaths and the rate per 1,000 live births for the past 23 years (Table II).

TABLE I

Causes of Death	Place of Death	Male	Female
1. Prematurity Breech presentation sudden labour	Hospital	-	1 hour
2. Atelectasis Prematurity Antepartum Haemorrhage	Hospital	1 day	-
3. Intra-cranial Haemorrhage Intestinal Obstruction	Hospital	2 days	-
4. Cardiac failure following re-section of co-arctation of aorta	Hospital	1 week	-
5. Acute Laryngo-tracheitis	Home	-	5 weeks
6. Adrenal Apoplexy Neonatal Asphyxia	Hospital	16 hours	-

The Infant Mortality Rate for England and Wales was 18.0 per 1,000 live births which was the lowest ever recorded in this country.

TABLE II

Year	No. of Deaths	Rates
1946	18	46.4
1947	21	47.8
1948	9	23.0
1949	8	21.8
1950	6	16.7
1951	5	15.6
1952	6	18.5
1953	4	13.7
1954	6	18.1
1955	5	17.5
1956	9	30.2
1957	4	13.9
1958	5	16.7
1959	3	10.0
1960	4	14.4
1961	4	12.4
1962	9	23.0
1963	5	12.6
1964	6	15.5
1965	6	14.7
1966	11	27.9
1967	6	14.8
1968	6	15.0

(b) Neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births) - There were 5 deaths under 4 weeks old and this gives a neo-natal rate of 12.6 per 1,000 total live births.

(c) Early Neo-natal Mortality - This is the number of deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births. There were 4 deaths under this heading and this gives a rate of 10.0 per 1,000 total live births.

(d) Perinatal Mortality Rate - This is the number of still births and deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births. This figure is 14 for 396 births making a rate of 35.3.

(e) Maternal Mortality - There was one death under this heading recorded during the year which gives a rate of 2.4 per 1,000 total live and still births.

5. EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS

The excess of births over deaths was 198 for the year 1968 - a decrease of 3 from last year's figure (201).

6. DEATHS

(a) The number of deaths occurring in or assigned to the area during 1968 was 198 of which 114 were males and 83 females compared with the figures for 1967 of 203, 116 and 87 respectively.

The following statement shows the age and sex distribution of the deaths that occurred in 1968.

	Und 1	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75+	Total
Males	4	1	-	2	2	2	-	24	41	38	114
Females	2	1	1	-	1	-	2	11	17	49	84
Total	6	2	1	2	3	2	2	35	58	87	198

(b) The crude death rate at 8.7 per 1,000 of the population shows a decrease from that of 1967 which was 9.0 per 1,000. The corrected death rate for the Swale area is 8.9 per 1,000. The death rate for England and Wales for 1968 was 11.9.

(c) Table III shows the number of deaths and death rates since 1946 and Table IV shows the causes of death during 1968 as classified by the Registrar General under 50 headings based on the Abbreviated List of the International Statistical Classifications of Disease, Injuries and Causes of Death.

TABLE III

Births and Deaths 1946 - 1968

Year	No. of Births	No. of Deaths	Excess of Births over Deaths	Crude Birth Rate	Crude Death Rate
1946	336	219	117	21.9	12.4
1947	439	228	211	24.4	12.7
1948	391	219	172	20.3	11.4
1949	367	227	140	19.3	11.9
1950	359	241	118	18.8	12.6
1951	320	211	109	16.3	10.8
1952	325	193	132	16.3	9.8
1953	291	211	80	14.5	10.5
1954	331	208	123	16.4	10.3
1955	286	178	108	14.1	8.8
1956	298	203	95	14.7	10.0
1957	287	189	98	14.1	9.3
1958	300	186	114	14.7	9.1
1959	298	205	93	14.6	10.1
1960	278	194	84	13.5	9.5
1961	323	235	88	15.7	11.5
1962	392	235	157	18.5	11.1
1963	396	246	150	18.3	11.4
1964	388	229	159	18.0	10.6
1965	409	208	201	18.7	9.5
1966	392	236	156	17.7	10.6
1967	404	203	201	18.0	9.0
1968	396	198	198	17.3	8.7

Causes of Death	Males	Females	Total
1 Cholera	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
2 Typhoid Fever	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
3 Bacillary dysentery and amoebiasis	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
4 Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases	-(3)	-(-)	-(3)
5 Tuberculosis of Respiratory system	1(-)	-(2)	1(2)
6 Other Tuberculosis, including late effects .	1(-)	-(-)	1(-)
7 Plague	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
8 Diphtheria	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
9 Whooping Cough	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
10 Streptococcal sore throat and scarlet fever	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
11 Meningococcal infection	1(-)	-(-)	1(-)
12 Acute Poliomyelitis	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
13 Smallpox	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
14 Measles	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
15 Typhus and other rickettsioses	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
16 Malaria	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
17 Syphilis and its sequelae	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
18 All other infective and parasitic diseases .	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
19 (a) Malignant neoplasm - stomach	6(3)	2(2)	8(5)
19 (b) Malignant neoplasm - lung, bronchus	12(4)	1(2)	13(6)
19 (c) Malignant neoplasm - breast	-(-)	5(4)	5(4)
19 (d) Malignant neoplasm - uterus	-(-)	-(1)	-(1)
19 (e) Leukaemia	-(1)	-(-)	-(1)
19 (f) Other malignant neoplasms	10(12)	2(10)	12(22)
20 Benign neoplasms	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
21 Diabetes Mellitus	-(1)	-(1)	-(2)
22 Avitaminoses and other nutritional deficiency	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
46 (a) Other endocrine, nutritional and metabolic			
diseases	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
23 Anaemias	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
46 (b) Other diseases of blood and blood-			
forming organs	1(-)	-(-)	1(-)
46 (c) Mental disorders	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
24 Meningitis	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
46 (d) Other diseases of nervous system and			
sense organs	-(-)	1(-)	1(-)
Sub Total	32(24)	11(22)	43(46)

Causes of Death		Males	Females	Total
	B/F	32(24)	11(22)	43(46)
25	Active rheumatic fever	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
26	Chronic rheumatic heart disease	-(-)	2(-)	2(-)
27	Hypertensive disease	1(1)	5(1)	6(2)
28	Ischaemic heart disease	27(29)	17(10)	44(39)
29	Other forms of heart disease	7(10)	9(11)	16(21)
30	Cerebrovascular disease	20(14)	19(18)	39(32)
46	(e) Other diseases of the circulatory system	4(6)	3(2)	7(8)
31	Influenza	3(-)	2(-)	5(-)
32	Pneumonia	6(6)	6(3)	12(9)
33	(a) Bronchitis, emphysema	2(9)	-(5)	2(14)
33	(b) Asthma	1(-)	-(-)	1(-)
46	(f) Other diseases of respiratory system ...	1(1)	1(1)	2(2)
34	Peptic Ulcer	1(-)	1(-)	2(-)
35	Appendicitis	-(-)	1(-)	1(-)
36	Intestinal obstruction and hernia	-(-)	1(-)	1(-)
37	Cirrhosis of liver	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
46	(g) Other diseases of digestive system	-(-)	1(-)	1(-)
38	Nephritis and Nephrosis	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
39	Hyperplasia of prostate	-(2)	-(-)	-(2)
46	(h) Other diseases of genito-urinary system	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
40	Abortion	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
41	Other complications of pregnancy, childbirth and puerperium	-(-)	1(1)	1(1)
46	(i) Diseases of skin and subcutaneous tissue	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
46	(j) Diseases of musculo-skeletal system and connective tissue	1(-)	-(-)	1(-)
42	Congenital anomalies	4(1)	-(1)	4(2)
43	Birth injury, difficult labour and other anoxic and hypoxic conditions	1(-)	1(-)	2(-)
44	Other causes of perinatal mortality	1(-)	-(-)	1(-)
45	Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	-(6)	1(8)	1(14)
47	Motor vehicle accidents	1(3)	2(2)	3(5)
48	All other accidents	1(1)	-(1)	1(2)
49	Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	-(2)	-(-)	-(2)
50	All other external causes	-(1)	-(1)	-(2)
Total		114(116)	84(87)	198(203)

SECTION III

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

1. Total number of Infectious Diseases notified during the year, the number admitted to Hospital or Sanatorium and the number of deaths attributed to each of the diseases in the Registrar-General's classification of deaths is given in Table V.

TABLE V

Disease	Cases Notified	Removed to Hospital or Sanatorium	Deaths
Food Poisoning	2(-)	-	-
Measles	129(228)	-	-
Pneumonia	4(1)	-	-
Scarlet Fever	13(12)	-	-
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	8(2)	3	2
Whooping Cough	6(11)	-	-
Total	162(254)	3	2

2. Table VI shows the age groups affected by the diseases notified.

TABLE VI

AGE GROUPS DISTRIBUTION - INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	Und 1	-5	-10	-15	-25	-35	-45	-55	Over 55	Total
Food Poisoning ...	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Measles	2	80	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	129
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	4
Scarlet Fever	-	3	5	3	1	1	-	-	-	13
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary)	-	-	1	-	1	2	1	1	2	8
Whooping Cough ...	1	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	3	87	54	3	4	3	1	2	5	162

TUBERCULOSIS

No cases of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during 1968 but there were 8 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis - an increase of 6 on the previous year. There were 3 admittances to hospital during the year and these were to Keycol Sanatorium, Bobbing and Mount Hospital, Canterbury.

TABLE VII

AGE GROUPS OF NEW CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS
NOTIFIED DURING 1968

Age Group	Type	Male	Female	Total
0 - 1	-	-	-	-
1 - 4	-	-	-	-
5 - 9	Pulmonary	-	1	1
10 - 14	-	-	-	-
15 - 19	-	-	-	-
20 - 24	Pulmonary	1	-	1
25 - 29	-	-	-	-
30 - 34	Pulmonary	-	2	2
35 - 39	Pulmonary	-	1	1
40 - 44	-	-	-	-
45 - 49	Pulmonary	1	-	1
50 - 54	Pulmonary	1	1	2
		3	5	8

TABLE VIII

Number of cases of Tuberculosis notified
and number of deaths and the death rates
each year from 1945 to 1968

Year	Number of Primary Notifications received		Deaths		Death Rate per 10,000 of the Population	
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
1945	14	3	10	2	6.03	1.2
1946	12	6	8	1	4.5	0.5
1947	10	3	9	-	5.01	0.0
1948	16	3	4	3	2.08	1.5
1949	11	5	5	3	2.6	1.5
1950	7	1	3	-	1.5	0.0
1951	12	4	4	-	2.04	0.0
1952	12	1	5	-	2.5	0.0
1953	12	3	3	-	1.5	0.0
1954	7	5	3	-	1.5	0.0
1955	12	1	3	-	1.5	0.0
1956	13	2	1	-	0.5	0.0
1957	16	-	1	1	0.5	0.5
1958	9	1	1	-	0.5	0.0
1959	11	2	3	-	1.5	0.0
1960	5	-	2	-	0.9	0.0
1961	5	-	-	-	0.0	0.0
1962	6	1	-	-	0.0	0.0
1963	4	-	5	-	2.3	0.0
1964	4	-	-	-	0.0	0.0
1965	2	-	1	-	0.5	0.0
1966	6	-	-	-	0.0	0.0
1967	2	-	-	-	0.9	0.0
1968	8	-	1	-	0.4	0.0

A summary of the cases remaining on the Tuberculosis Register for the area at the end of 1968 is shown in Table IX.

TABLE IX

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	M	F	M	F	
No. of Cases on Register at 1st January, 1968 ...	56(56)	49(46)	12(13)	6(6)	123(121)
New Cases	3(-)	5(2)	-(-)	-(-)	8(2)
No. of Cases restored to Register	-(1)	-(-)	1(-)	-(-)	1(1)
Transferred to Swale ...	-(1)	1(1)	-(-)	1(-)	2(2)
	59(58)	55(49)	13(13)	7(6)	134(126)
Died*	1(-)	-(2)	1(1)	-(-)	2(3)
Left Swale	1(-)	3(-)	-(-)	-(-)	4(-)
Recovered	1(2)	2(-)	-(-)	-(-)	3(2)
Cancelled Non-T.B.	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
	56(56)	50(47)	12(12)	7(6)	125(121)

*This figure refers to patients on the register who have not necessarily died from Tuberculosis.

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

The following tables show the Measles, Smallpox, Poliomyelitis, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus Vaccination and Immunisation figures for 1968 based on the returns submitted by the County Medical Officer to the Department of Health and Social Security.

TABLE X

POLIOMYELITIS, DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH AND TETANUS IMMUNISATION

Year of Birth	Poliomyelitis Immunisation		Diphtheria and Tetanus Immunisation (in combination)		Whooping Cough, Diphtheria and Tetanus Immunisation (in combination)	
	Primary	Re-inforcing	Primary	Re-inforcing	Primary	Re-inforcing
1968	89	-	1	-	103	-
1967	248	-	1	3	161	31
1966	46	-	-	34	7	165
1965	7	-	-	8	2	32
1964	5	19	-	13	3	10
1961-1963	-	342	1	209	1	87
1952-1960	-	-	-	1	-	12
Total	395	361	2	268	277	337

TABLE XI

SMALLPOX AND MEASLES VACCINATION AND TETANUS IMMUNISATION

Year of Birth	Smallpox Vaccination		Tetanus Immunisation		Measles Vaccination
	Primary	Re-inforcing	Primary	Re-inforcing	Primary
1968	-	-	-	-	5
1967	206	-	2	1	48
1966	-	-	-	-	44
1965	-	-	1	-	43
1964	-	-	-	2	42
1961-1963	-	1	4	6	194
1952-1960	-	-	42	29	1
Total	206	1	49	38	377

SECTION IV

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

Local Authority Health Services under the National Health Service Act are administered by the Kent County Council as the Local Health Authority. Those services include the care of Mothers and Young Children; the provision of Midwives; Home Visiting and Home Nursing; Vaccination and Immunisation; Prevention of Illness; Care and After-care and the Domestic Help Service. Mental Welfare and the treatment and care of Tuberculosis patients is provided by the Regional Hospital Board.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

Through the courtesy of the County Medical Officer, the following is a summary of the returns for the year, 1958, for the Area comprised of the Boroughs of Faversham and Queenborough; the Urban Districts of Sheerness and Sittingbourne and Milton, and the Rural Districts of Sheppey and Swale.

(a) MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

Number of children inspected (periodic)	4,399
Number of special inspections	145
Number of re-inspections	1,319
Number of children found at periodic inspections to require treatment	886
Percentage requiring treatment	20.1%

In addition 906 children received tests of vision and hearing only

No. of Pupils Inspected	Routine School Medical Inspections			
	Physical Condition of Pupils Inspected			
	Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory	
	No. (2)	% of Col. 1 (3)	No. (4)	% of Col. 1 (5)
(1)				
4,399	4,272	97.1	127	2.9

(b) MINOR AILMENTS (EXCLUDING UNCLEANLINESS)

Skin diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Minor eye defects	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Minor ear defects	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Miscellaneous (e.g. minor injuries, bruises, sores etc.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17

(c) DEFECTIVE VISION AND SQUINT

Errors of refraction (including squint)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	819
Other defects or diseases of the eyes (excluding those recorded in Group 1)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Number of pupils for whom spectacles were prescribed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	372

(d) DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT

Number of pupils inspected by the Authority's Dental Officers	3,490
Number found to require treatment	2,297
Number offered treatment	2,279
Number actually treated	2,111
Number of attendances made by pupils for treatment	7,452

Half days devoted to:

A. Periodic (School Inspections)	10
B. Treatment	1,130

Fillings:

Permanent teeth	2,772
Temporary teeth	1,103

Number of teeth filled:

Permanent teeth	2,472
Temporary teeth	1,032

Extractions:

Permanent teeth	459
Temporary teeth	1,257

Administration of general anaesthetics for extraction	874
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Other Operations:

Permanent and temporary teeth	2,108
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(e) INFESTATION WITH VERMIN

Total number of examinations of pupils in schools by the school nurse or other authorised persons 7,754

Total number of individual pupils found to be infested 52

Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued under Section 54(2), Education Act, 1944 19

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - Sections 47 and 50.

These sections provide for the removal of persons in need of care and attention to suitable accommodation and for the burial of the dead where no satisfactory arrangements have otherwise been made. One man who was blind and almost deaf was removed to Nunnery Fields Hospital, Canterbury but returned home after an improvement brought about by treatment.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1962 - Meals on Wheels

Schemes are in operation in the villages of Boughton, Newington, Selling, Teynham and Throwley. In the fifteen months up to 31st March, 1969 almost three thousand meals were delivered to elderly and incapacitated people.

SECTION V

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. Water Supply

The district is well served by water mains and only 8 houses have no main supply.

The Medway Water Board are responsible for supplies in the parishes of Bobbing, Iwade, Hartlip, Lower Halstow, Newington and Upchurch and the remaining parishes are served by the Mid Kent Water Company.

One hundred and one samples of treated water submitted to bacteriological examination were found to be satisfactory and six samples submitted to chemical examination were also found to be satisfactory.

2. Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

Dunkirk During the year the proposed sewerage scheme for Dunkirk including Courtenay Road and Canterbury Road up to the Gate Inn was submitted to the Ministry at an estimated cost of £39,170.

Hartlip The survey for the sewerage scheme for Hartlip was commenced during the year.

3. Public Cleansing

Refuse Collection - This service functioned through the year with comparatively few troubles.

As much as possible of the bottom of Cryalls Tip was levelled and filled to enable refuse tipping to proceed. Rather more filling was necessary on account of the unprecedented high water level.

Newnham tip was levelled and cleared on several occasions during the year and has been much used. More accommodation works will have to be done at some future time to allow ready access to the face.

Cesspool Emptying

This service was again under considerable pressure despite delivery of an additional emptying vehicle early in the year. Shortage of staff during holidays was the main difficulty leading to the necessity for a considerable amount of overtime being worked.

4. Public Conveniences

Three of the parishes in the district have this amenity - Newington, Doddington and Lynsted. At Newington the building was erected by the Council. At Doddington and Lynsted suitable arrangements were made by the Council with the owners and tenants of the public houses "The Chequers" and "The Swan" for the use of sanitary accommodation at these houses by the public.

5. Rodent Control

There was a light rat infestation of the sewer and drains on the extension of a building site at Oare. The manholes concerned and those immediately adjacent were treated and the infestation cleared.

6. Disinfection and Disinfestation

(i) During the year 17 visits were made investigating cases of infectious disease. It was not found necessary to disinfect any rooms.

(ii) There is very little work necessary on disinfestation of vermin and this year only 4 visits were made. One property was disinfested.

7. Inspection of the District

A summary of visits made during the year is given in Appendix 'D'

The table below summarises the rodent control work done during the year.

	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in Local Authority's District	7,248	1,401
2. (a) Number of properties inspected as a result of Notification	691	4
(b) Number of properties inspected which were found to be infested by:		
(i) Rats	198	4
(ii) Mice	33	2
3. (a) Number of properties inspected during Survey	218	111
(b) Number of properties inspected which were found to be infested by:		
(i) Rats	23	35
(ii) Mice	3	5

SECTION VI

FOOD AND FOOD INSPECTION

Food Supplies

During the year 16 informal notices were served under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 and 5 of these had been complied with by the end of 1968.

Unsound Food

Meat from the slaughterhouses found to be unfit for human consumption is moved in locked containers for processing. Tinned and other foodstuff is destroyed and buried.

Food Premises in the Area

The following table shows details of premises in the area subject to the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960 in trades carried on and whether they comply with Regulations 16 and 19. (Regulation 16 requires the provision of personal washing facilities and Regulation 19 requires facilities for washing food and equipment.)

	Total	Complying with Regulation 16	Complying with Regulation 19
Slaughterhouses	2	2	2
Grocers and General	69	68	67
Inns	59	59	59
Restaurants	18	18	18
Butchers	11	11	11
Fishmongers and Fishfriers	3	3	3
Baker's Shops	1	1	1
Bakehouses	1	1	1
Canteens	28	28	28
Village Halls	27	20	24
Clubs	5	5	5
Food Processing Premises	2	2	2
Wholesale Depots	2	2	2
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Milk

There are no dairies in the area but five 'distributors' have closed down or ceased to distribute milk, giving a total of 30.

Ice Cream

No ice cream is made in the district but 86 premises are registered for the storage and sale of ice cream.

Meat

There are two private slaughterhouses in use and the quality of meat is good as is shown by the table overleaf.

Poultry Inspection

There is one poultry processing premises in the district and 12 visits were made during the year. Of the 64,023 Capons, 690 Pousins and 400 Turkeys processed 0.2% amounting to 600 lbs. was condemned as unfit for human consumption.

A high standard of quality is set by the firm in their inspection of the birds killed and any failing to reach this standard are condemned.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	232	2	14	927	621	-
Number inspected	232	2	14	927	621	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.</u> Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	3	1	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	37	1	2	20	46	-
Percentage of the no. inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	15.9	50.0	14.2	2.5	7.6	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u> Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u> Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted for treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

Food and Drugs

The part of the Act concerning the quality and nature of articles for sale is administered by the County Council Weights and Measures Department, County Hall, Maidstone. I am indebted to Mr. J. Stockoe, the Chief Inspector for the following summary of work carried out in this area.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Details of samples taken by the County Sampling Officers within the SWALE RURAL DISTRICT during the year ended 31st December, 1968.

<u>Article</u>	<u>No.</u>
Milk	17
Butter, margarine, lard, cooking fats, cheese (including processed cheese)	2
Tinned meats, meat, fish, fish and meat pastes	6
Sugar, sugar confectionery, flour confectionery, chocolate products, cereals	2
Tea, coffee, cocoa, beverages, minerals, cordials	2
Jams, preserves, honey, jellies	2
Dried fruit, raw fruit, vegetables, tinned fruit and vegetables	6
Pickles, sauces, vinegar, condiments	3
Drugs, medicines	6
Beer, wines, spirits	8
Miscellaneous	6
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All the samples were satisfactory with the exception of the following.

<u>Sample of</u>	<u>Analysis</u>	<u>Action taken</u>
Steak pie	Contained wood louse in meat filling.	Retailer cautioned.

<u>Sample of</u>	<u>Analysis</u>	<u>Action taken</u>
Canned Cape Loganberries in Heavy Syrup	Can showed signs of hydrogen swell due to action of fruit acids on faulty can lining	Suppliers contacted and advised
Lamb Tongues	Meat content in contravention of the Canned Meat Products Regulations which would come into force in May, 1969.	Manufacturers' attention drawn.
Milk bottle with Foreign Body	Milk contained a small sheet of plastic wrapper	Dairy contacted
Untreated Milk	Two churns of milk sold from a farm to a Dairy contained added water to the extent of 12.4% and 8.3%	R.E.S. Giddins, trading as G.O. Stafford & Son, Foresters Farm, Dunkirk fined £20 and £5.19s.10d. costs at Faversham Magistrates Court on 5th February, 1969.

SECTION VII

HOUSING

Clearance of Unfit Houses

This year 27 houses have been demolished and 6 closed compared with 8 demolished and 14 closed last year. A total of 35 people in 14 families were displaced and re-housed by the Council.

Improvement Grants

This work is administered by the Engineer and Surveyor and continues to make a very valuable contribution to the improvement of the standard of housing in the district.

Discretionary Grants

A total of 16 applications covering 19 dwellings of which 10 were owner/occupied and 9 tenanted were approved during the year. The cost of work involved was £27,524 and grants of £6,465 were approved.

Standard Grants

A total of 37 applications were approved covering 38 dwellings of which 27 were owner/occupied and 11 were tenanted.

There were 3 conversions of 2 dwellings into one.

Grants of £9,210 were made.

Houses in Clearance Areas and Unfit Houses elsewhere

A. Houses Demolished

<u>In Clearance Areas</u>	No. of Houses	No. of Separate Dwellings
1. Unfit for human habitation ...	7	7
2. Included by reason of bad arrangement	-	-
3. On land acquired under Section 43(2) Housing Act, 1957 ...	-	-
<u>Not in Clearance Areas</u>		
4. As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957 ...	20	20
5. Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health ...	-	-
6. Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under Local Acts	-	-
7. Houses included in unfitness orders made under Para. 2 of the second schedule to the Land Compensation Act, 1961 ...	-	-
8. Number of separate dwellings included above which were previously reported as closed in pursuance of closing orders or undertakings		
(i) Reported as closed up to 31st December, 1964 ...	-	-
(ii) Reported as closed since 31st December, 1964 ...	-	-

B. Unfit Houses Closed

	No. of Houses	No. of Separate Dwellings
9. Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957 and Section 26 Housing Act, 1961	6	6
10. Under Sections 17(3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957	-	-
11. Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	-	-

C. Number of Families and Persons Displaced

	No. of Families	No. of Persons
12. From houses to be demolished in or adjoining clearance areas	-	-
13. From houses to be demolished not in or adjoining clearance areas	8	17
14. From houses to be closed ...	6	18
15. From parts of buildings to be closed	-	-

D. Unfit Houses made fit

	No. of Houses
16. After informal action by local authority- by owner	25
17. After formal notice under Sections 9 and 16, Housing Act, 1957	
(a) by owner	2
(b) by local authority	-
18. After formal notice under Public Health Acts	-
19. Previously included in a clearance order which has been or will be modified or revoked under Section 24, Housing Act, 1961	-
20. Previously included in a demolition order which has been or will be revoked under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957	4
21. Previously included in a closing order which has been or will be determined under Section 27 Housing Act, 1957	3

E. Houses in which defects were remedied (other than unfit houses made fit)

	No. of Houses
22. After formal notice under Public Health Acts	-

F. Unfit Houses in temporary use

	No. of Houses	No. of Separate Dwellings
<u>Retained for temporary accommodation</u>		
23. Under Section 48	-	-
24. Under Section 17(2) ...	-	-
25. Under Section 46	-	-

	No. of Houses	No. of Separate Dwellings
<u>Licensed for temporary accommodation</u>		
26. Under Section 34 or 53 ...	-	-

G. Purchase of Houses by agreement

	No. of Houses	No. of Occupants
27. Houses in clearance areas other than those included in confirmed orders or compulsory purchase orders	-	-

Rent Act, 1957

One application for a Certificate of Disrepair was received during the year and as no satisfactory undertaking was received this was issued.

New Houses

A total of 208 dwellings were built during the year. Of this figure 142 were built by private enterprise and 66 by the Council, as compared with last year's total of 245 (154 by private enterprise and 91 by the Council).

Hop Pickers Camps

The number of huts in use in 1968 was approximately 210 and these would accommodate about 850 pickers. These figures show a slight decrease from the figures for 1967.

Caravans

There are two main sites for residential use in the district:- one at Upchurch for 90 vans and one at Graveney for 24 vans. The site at Graveney also accommodates 33 vans for holiday use. There is one other site of 6 vans for holiday use which is also at Graveney. A further 13 vans are on 11 sites spread throughout the district.

SECTION VIII

SHOPS AND FACTORIES

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises

Visits in connection with the administration of this Act were maintained and 94 premises were on the register at the end of the year.

Registrations and General Inspections

Class of Premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection
Offices	1	23	2
Retail shops	2	58	13
Wholesale shops and warehouses	-	1	2
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	-	11	1
Fuel storage depots	-	1	1
Total	3	94	19

Shops Act, 1950

The welfare of shop assistants is safeguarded by the provisions of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

Factories

The table below shows the details of inspections made during the year.

Sections 110 and 111

There were 12 outworkers employed in the making or adapting of wearing apparel and 11 on fuse stringing.

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
1. Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by local authorities	18	-	-	-
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the local authority	52	27	4	-
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the local authority (excluding outworker's premises)	15	6	-	-
Total	85	33	4	-

APPENDIX 'A'

Distribution of cases
of Infectious Disease
by Parishes

	Food Poisoning	Measles	Pneumonia	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis (Pulmonary)	Whooping Cough	Total
Badlesmere	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Bapchild	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Bobbing	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Borden	-	5	-	-	-	-	5
Boughton	-	1	-	-	1	4	6
Bredgar	-	9	-	-	-	-	9
Buckland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Doddington	-	1	1	1	-	-	3
Dunkirk	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Eastling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Faversham Without ...	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Goodnestone	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Graveney	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Halstow, Lower	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Hartlip	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Hernhill	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iwade	-	8	-	-	-	-	8
Kingsdown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Leaveland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luddenham	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lynsted	-	3	1	-	-	-	4
Milstead	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Newington	-	8	-	1	1	-	10
Newnham	-	4	-	-	-	-	4
Norton	-	4	-	3	-	-	7
Oare	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ospringe	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Rodmersham	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Selling	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Sheldwich	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stalisfield	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Stone	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Teynham	2	76	-	5	1	-	84
Throwley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tonge	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tunstall	-	1	-	1	-	-	2
Upchurch	-	2	-	2	1	-	5
	2	129	4	13	8	6	162

APPENDIX 'B'

Rainfall and Temperature Recorded

at the Borough Sewage Works

Faversham - 1968

<u>MONTH</u>				<u>RAINFALL</u>	<u>TEMPERATURE</u>	
					<u>MAX</u>	<u>MIN</u>
					Degrees F	
JANUARY	...	...	...	1.66 ins.	53	16
FEBRUARY	...	...	...	2.68 ins.	48	26
MARCH	...	...	...	0.93 ins.	69	31
APRIL	...	...	...	1.95 ins.	80	25
MAY	...	...	...	1.56 ins.	72	36
JUNE	...	...	...	1.52 ins.	83	42
JULY	...	...	...	2.70 ins.	90	45
AUGUST	...	...	...	4.33 ins.	79	43
SEPTEMBER	...	...	...	8.00 ins.	77	44
OCTOBER	...	...	...	2.78 ins.	70	41
NOVEMBER	...	...	...	1.70 ins.	60	26
DECEMBER	...	...	...	2.12 ins.	50	18

Total Rainfall 31.93 ins.

APPENDIX 'C'

Rainfall and Temperature Recorded at the

Highsted Waterworks, Sittingbourne and

Johnson House, Sittingbourne - 1968

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>RAINFALL</u>	<u>TEMPERATURE</u>	
		<u>MAX</u>	<u>MIN</u>
		Degrees F	
JANUARY	2.06 ins.	60	16
FEBRUARY	2.93 ins.	53	25
MARCH	1.27 ins.	72	30
APRIL	2.36 ins.	78	26
MAY	2.22 ins.	74	34
JUNE	1.65 ins.	82	42
JULY	2.51 ins.	94	44
AUGUST	4.46 ins.	83	42
SEPTEMBER	7.82 ins.	78	39
OCTOBER	3.23 ins.	72	41
NOVEMBER	2.10 ins.	68	25
DECEMBER	2.65 ins.	53	18

Total Rainfall 35.26 ins.

APPENDIX 'D'

RECORD OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS BY THE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS

HOUSING

Number inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	108
Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	385
Rent Act, 1957	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Council House Applications	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	238
Council House Tenancies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6

PUBLIC HEALTH

Number of houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	79
Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	297
Other Nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	52
Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	190
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Flies and other Insects	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Vermin	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Hop/Fruit Camps	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Caravan Sites etc. Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	81
Clean Air Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Noise Abatement	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Miscellaneous visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	333

FOOD AND DRUGS

Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Bakers/Confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Grocers and General	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	113
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
Fried and Wet Fish	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Cafes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
Public Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	87
Canteens/Village Halls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12

Stalls/Delivery Vehicles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36
Ice Cream	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Milk Distributors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Food Processing/Distribution Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Food Complaints	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	202

FACTORIES ACT

Power	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Workplaces	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES

Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	145
General Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19

GENERAL

Interviews	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	214
Visits with M.O.H.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Visits with D.P.H.I.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Shops Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Rodent Control	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50
Waste Food Order	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Agriculture (Health, Safety & Welfare) Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Animal Boarding Establishments	7
Premises Disinfested	1

SAMPLES FOR ANALYSIS

Water	1
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APPENDIX 'E'

UN SOUND FOOD

HOME KILLED MEAT

				lbs.
<u>BEEF</u>	29	Livers/Part Livers	Distomatosis/Cirrhosis	371
	7	Livers	Abscess	87
		Beef	Inflammation/Injury	28
		Beef	Decomposing	19
	1	Liver	Telangiectasis	15
	1	Kidney	Cystic	2
 <u>PORK</u>	 1	 Carcase and Organs	 Septic Pericarditis	 165
	27	Pluck/Part Plucks	Pneumonia	106
	15	Livers	Cirrhosis/Parasitic	33
	2	Legs	Injury	14
	1	Leg	Arthritis	6
	2	Kidneys	Bruising	4
	2	Hearts	Pericarditis	1
 <u>MUTTON</u>	 2	 Carcase and Organs	 Ill-bled/Injury	 94
	1	Carcase and Organs	Jaundice	36
	8	Livers	Parasitic	16
	2	Legs	Injury	10
	4	Part Shoulders	Bruising	8
	6	Livers	Distomatosis	7
 <u>VEAL</u>	 1	 Leg	 Injury	 15
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OTHER FOODSTUFFS

Wines and Spirits

Whisky	Contamination by	10 botts.
British Sherry	flood water	6x3 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. botts.
<u>Draught Beer</u>	"	73 galls.
<u>Bottled Beer</u>		
$\frac{1}{2}$ pints	"	687 botts.
1 pints	"	140 botts.
<u>Minerals and Fruit Juices</u>	"	551 botts.

APPENDIX 'F'

	Public Health Act	Housing Act	Food & Drugs Act	Shops Act	Fac- tories Act	Offices, Shops, etc. Act	Other Acts
Preliminary Notices served	42	-	16	-	4	1	-
Preliminary Notices complied with	20	-	5	-	1	4	1
Statutory Notices served	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Statutory Notices complied with	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WORK COMPLETED AS A RESULT OF ACTION TAKEN

(a) HOUSING DEFECTS REMEDIED

External

Roofs and flashings	10
Chimneys and flues	5
Eaves gutters and downpipes	9
Walls (Brickwork, pointing etc.)	6
Paving, steps etc.	4
Drainage system provided	1
Drainage repaired/cleansed	7
Conversions - privies and pail closets to W.C.s	2

Internal

Walls repaired	19
Ceilings repaired	10
Floors repaired	5
Windows repaired	9
Doors repaired	9
Fireplaces, ranges repaired/cleansed	6
Sinks provided/renewed	4

Sink waste renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Stairs repaired/improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Foodstores provided/ventilated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Dampness abated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
W.C.s repaired/renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Flushing apparatus provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Privies and pail closets repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Other repairs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4

(b) PUBLIC HEALTH

Drainage nuisances abated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Animal nuisances abated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Other nuisances abated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

(c) FOOD PREMISES

Premises repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Premises cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Equipment repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Equipment cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Ventilation improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Wash basin provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Wash basin renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Hot and cold water provided to wash basin	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Sink provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Sink renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Hot and cold water provided to sink	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Sanitary convenience improved/repared	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Sanitary convenience disconnected from food room	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Non absorbent surfaces provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Displayed food protected	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Refrigerators/refrigerated counters provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

(d) FOOD STALLS AND DELIVERY VEHICLES

Name and address displayed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Overclothing provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Wash basin provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Lighting improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

Hot water provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
First aid kit provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Waste containers provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

(e) OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES

Thermometer provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Sanitary accommodation improved/repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Clothing accommodation provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
First aid box provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Abstract displayed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5

